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**FELON CONVICTED OF POSSESSION OF FIREARMS AND
POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE HEROIN**

AUGUSTA, GA: Lisa Godbey Wood, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia, announced that Frank Henry Reeves, indicted by a federal grand jury in January 2006, was convicted today by a federal court jury sitting in U.S. District Court in Augusta of Possession With Intent to Distribute Heroin and Possession of Firearms by a Felon. He was acquitted of a third charge, Possession of Firearms in Furtherance of a Drug Trafficking Crime.

The case originated in Richmond County, when Richmond County Narcotics Officers, assisted by agents of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Task Force and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, executed a search warrant on July 6, 2005, at the residence of Frank Reeves. During the course of the search, officers located approximately 31 packets of heroin, packaged for distribution, several digital scales, over 350 rounds of ammunition, and seven firearms located throughout the house. Reeves was subsequently arrested and indicted on federal charges. Reeves had several felony convictions.

Reeves now faces up to 20 years in prison for his conviction on the heroin charge and a minimum of 15 years in prison for his conviction on the firearms charge. He also faces up to a \$250,000 fine on each count of conviction.

This case was federally prosecuted as part of this district's Project Ceasefire initiative, a program devoted to reducing gun violence by prosecuting individuals found in possession of firearms who cannot legally possess them, such as felons.

The investigation involved the cooperative efforts of the Richmond County Sheriff's Office, the Drug Enforcement Administration, and the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms and Explosives. The government is being represented by Assistant United States Attorney Patricia Green Johnson.

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